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Attorney's Docket No. 030682-066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Atsushi MIYANISHI et al.

Application No.: 09/114,203

Filed: July 13, 1998

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 9, 2000

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

Also enclosed is Fig. 2 of USP 5,668,389

statement(s) claiming small entity status  
[ ] are also enclosed [ ] were submitted previously.

Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$345.00 (279) [ ] \$690.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

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An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	12	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 4 =	01	× \$80.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

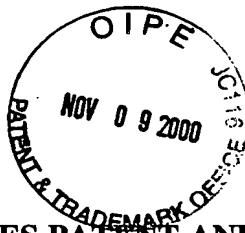
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 9, 2000

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 9, 2000 (Paper No.

10). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:  
an active area being provided with at least one MOS transistor; and  
an insulating film defining said active area, wherein  
said active area is set in a shape having a concave part in a shape along a plan view,  
said active area is provided with:  
an ordinary region, and  
a depressed region having an edge portion being depressed beyond said ordinary  
region due to presence of said concave part,

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